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SUBJECT:FURTHER NAC CONSULTATION ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION

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1. CONCUR IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL THAT ALLIES SHOULD BE APPRISED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ABOUT DATE FOR NEXT NAC CONSULTATION ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION. BELIEVE THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE HELD AUGUST 1 OR 2 OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE. BELIEVE ALSO THAT ALLIES SHOULD BE APPRISED IN ADVANCE THAT DELEGATION WOULD PLAN TO TABLE NON-CIRCUMVENTION LANGUAGE SHORTLY AFTER THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE HELD.

2. AS CONDITION TO OPENING NEGOTIATION IN MAY, US AND USSR GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO DISCUSS FOUR ISSUES -- ONE OF WHICH IS NON-CIRCUMVENTION/NON-TRANSFER. ALL ISSUES EXCEPT NON-CIRCUMVENTION/NON-TRANSFER HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY SINCE OPENING THIS SESSION IN MAY. TO DELAY FURTHER ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE FORTHRIGHTLY COULD RESULT IN DAMPENING ATMOSPHERE OF NEGOTIATIONS GENERALLY AND INHIBIT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF OTHER ISSUES,

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SUCH AS DATA BASE AND MIRV VERIFICATION, IN WHICH WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED AS WELL AS INITIATION OF DISCUSSION ON NEW ISSUES. RECOGNIZE THAT SOME PERMREPS MAY BE ABSENT FROM CONSULTATION IN AUGUST, BUT BELIEVE POSSIBLE CRITICISM OF HOLDING CONSULTATION WHILE SOME PERMREPS ARE ABSENT IS GREATLY OUTWEIGHED BY THE DESIRABILITY AND URGENCY OF EARLY TABLING OF NON-CIRCUMVENTION LANGUAGE OUTLINED PREVIOUSLY TO

THE COUNCIL.

3. SUBJECT TO WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE, DELEGATION PREPARED TO
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION DIRECTLY WITH USMISSION NATO.
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